



*zw*

Application Number : 09/982,531 Confirmation No.: 8179  
Applicant : Astrid VRANG et al.  
Filed : October 19, 2001  
Title : IMPROVED FERMENTATION METHOD FOR PRODUCTION  
OF HETEROLOGOUS GENE PRODUCTS IN LACTIC ACID  
BACTERIA  
TC/Art Unit : 1636  
Examiner: : Nancy T. Vogel  
Docket No. : 54320.000011  
Customer No. : 21967

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 mailed June 30, 2006 (hereinafter the "Notice") for the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully submit that this Response to the Notice is within one (1) month from the mail date of the Notice, therefore no additional fees are required for entry of this Response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

This Response is provided in the following format:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 10.

A Replacement **Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132** is included.